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SUBJECT: SSOD: DEVELOPMENTS ON IRAQI RESOLUTION

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1. USDEL AND MISOFFS CONTACTED LARGE NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS JUNE 6 TO LOBBY AGAINST IRAQI RESOLUTION ON MILITARY COLLABORATION WITH ISRAEL. RESULTS HAVE BEEN INCONCLUSIVE IN MANY CASES, BUT MANY DELS ARE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH SITUATION AND APPEAR TO BE RECEPTIVE TO IDEA OF AVOIDING SUBSTANTIVE VOTE OR AT LEAST DEFERRING ANY ACTION FOR TIME BEING. ISRAELI DEL TOLD US THERE WERE ADDITIONAL CO-SPONSORS BUT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS SO FAR.

2. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT IRAQ WILL FORMALLY PRESENT DRAFT RESOLUTION AT AD HOC COMMITTEE AFTERNOON MEETING JUNE 7. WE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT IRAQ WOULD ASK FOR VOTE IMMEDIATELY OR WITHIN DAY OR TWO. AT END OF DAY, HOWEVER, FRENCH TOLD US THEY UNDERSTOOD EFFORTS OF SOME OF NON-ALIGNED MAY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PERSUADING IRAQ NOT
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TO PRESS FOR VOTE AT THIS TIME.

3. AMB FISHER TOOK QUESTION UP WITH GARCIA ROBLES OF MEXICO WHO INDICATED HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF RULING FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ORTIZ DE ROZAS THAT IRAQI TEXT SHOULD NOT BE ACTED ON UNTIL AFTER PRINCIPAL DOCUMENT IS DEALT WITH. GARCIA ROBLES

SAID YUGOSLAVS AND MANY OTHERS, "INCLUDING EVEN SOVIETS",
CONCURRED IN THIS VIEW ON PRIORITY.

4. EC-9, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND NORDICS ARE
GENERALLY WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS BUT EXPECT THAT THEY WOULD
VOTE AGAINST RES ON SUBSTANCE AND SUPPORT PROCEDURAL
MOVES TO DISPOSE OF IT WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE VOTE. FRENCH
DEL SAID IT HAS RECOMMENDED NEGATIVE VOTE TO PARIS. JAPAN
HAS NO INSTRUCTIONS BUT AGREES RES IS VERY BAD AND VOTE
SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE.

5. MANY LATIN AND AFRO-ASIAN DELS ARE CONCERNED THAT
IRAQI MOVE COULD DISRUPT POSSIBILITIES FOR CONSENSUS
AT SSOD AND HAVE INDICATED SYMPATHY FOR PROCEDURAL MEANS
TO AVOID SUBSTANTIVE VOTE. MOST ARE UNWILLING TO COMMIT
THEMSELVES AT THIS STAGE, HOWEVER, AND A NUMBER WITH LARGE
MOSLEM POPULATIONS, SUCH AS INDONESIA, MALAUSIA (PERHAPS
TURKEY) WOULD PROBABLY VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION AND FEEL
THEY HAVE DONE WELL TO REFUSE INVITATION TO COSPONSOR.

6. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLMIN NIGERIA'S DEPUTY PERMREP
VOICED STRONG OPPOSITION TO IRAQI MOVE, RECALLING THAT
NIGERIA HAD "GIVEN UP" ITS DESIRED INITIATIVE ON SOUTH
AFRICAN NUCLEAR POTENTIAL IN THE INTEREST OF SSOD CONSENSUS
IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT NIGERIA WILL SUBMIT DRAFT RES ON
SOUTH AFRICA IF IRAQI RES IS PRESSED TO VOTE. YOUNG
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